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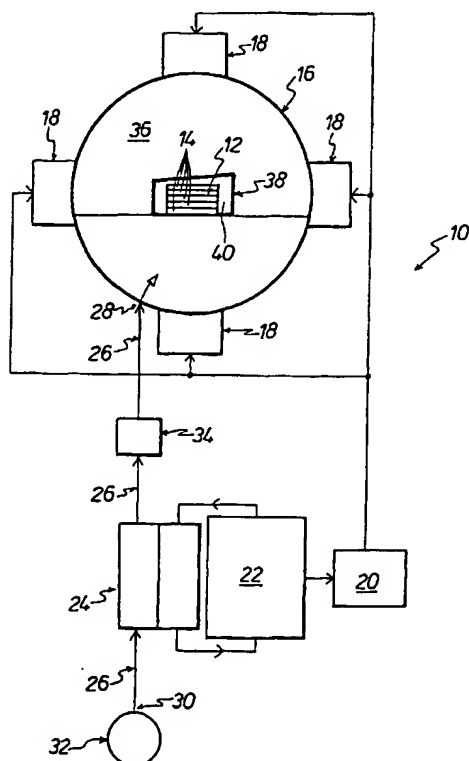
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(54) Title: **PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF SHORT COOKING TIME RICE**



(57) **Abstract:** The present invention refers to a process for the production of short cooking time rice characterized by that hulled rice of at least 10 % moisture content, if required in packaging suitable for ready cooking, is heat treated for (1-30) minutes continuously or interrupted by equal or alternating capacity microwave radiation, to reach maximum 130° C. The invention refers also to an apparatus for the production of short cooking time rice comprising a microwave furnace with a tunnel made from a suitable material, wherein the rice packed into package is movable within the tunnel by means of a conveyor. Regarding the easy and short process a remarkable energy saving is possible.

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